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## Senator Goschka Assigned Appropriations Subcommittee Posts

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Goschka Lands Plum Chairmanship on Higher Education Subcommittee

(LANSING) – Senator Mike Goschka, R-Brant, was selected today to serve as chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Higher Education and Retirement. Goschka was also chosen to serve as vice chair of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Subcommittee and a member of the Capitol Outlay Subcommittee.

"I am absolutely elated at chairing the Higher Education Subcommittee budget," Goschka said. "This is a post I specifically requested, as well as a spot on Capitol Outlay, and I got them both! I am excited as to the potential prospects for my own local university, Saginaw Valley State University, and this appointment also places me in a perfect position to work as hard as I can for all 15 state universities within our state."

As chair of the Higher Education Subcommittee, Goschka will be responsible for appropriating state funding for all 15 Michigan public universities. The Retirement Subcommittee is responsible for appropriating funding to Michigan's retirees and is also charged with overseeing legislative policy.

The DEQ Appropriations Subcommittee is responsible for setting the department's budget and appropriating its state funding while the Capitol Outlay Subcommittee sets appropriations for state, university and community college construction projects.

"Public universities in the state of Michigan have always demonstrated a solid commitment to academic excellence, and I am pleased to lead the Senate in continuing that stellar reputation," Goschka said. "Indeed, this is a great day for continued excellence in the institution of higher education in the state of Michigan."

Earlier this month Senator Goschka was tapped to serve as a member of the Local, Urban and State Affairs Committee and the Department of Transportation Committee. Senate Committees are expected to begin organizational meetings Tuesday, Jan. 14.